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# CONGRESSMAN RUSS CARNAHAN IS WORKING TO REDUCE OUR DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL. KEEPING OUR NATION SECURE MEANS DECLARING OUR ENERGY INDEPENDENCE.



As a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Congressman Russ Carnahan knows we must secure our future by helping America be less dependent on foreign oil.

Congressman Carnahan has been working to advance an energy strategy that protects consumers, not big oil and gas companies. He knows we must encourage the development of domestically produced alternative energy. Congressman Carnahan is a leader committed to the prevention of global warming.



Congressman Carnahan listens to concerns on energy and subsequent issues when meeting with constituents back home.

## ENERGY INDEPENDENCE STARTS BY REPEALING BIG OIL COMPANY TAX BREAKS

Congressman Carnahan successfully fought to repeal \$14 billion in tax breaks and subsidies to oil and gas companies who were making record-breaking profits at our expense. Previous energy measures made no provisions for relieving consumers of record high gas and home heating oil prices, nor did they implement viable, long-term provisions to help keep gas prices down.

## ENERGY INDEPENDENCE MEANS PROMOTING ALTERNATIVE FUELS

Consumers want an alternative to the high price of gas. Energy producers and gas stations want to make renewable energy available. Congressman Carnahan is bringing everyone together and encouraging the development of locally produced alternative fuels. Alternative fuels are good for Missouri consumers, businesses and farmers.

## ENERGY INDEPENDENCE REQUIRES AN END TO PRICE GOUGING

Congressman Carnahan has led efforts to give the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) the authority to investigate price gouging by gas stations and oil companies, while also opposing the government’s royalty plan expected to give away approximately \$7 billion to oil and gas companies drilling on federal lands.

## ENERGY INDEPENDENCE IS PART OF THE GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTION

As a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Congressman Carnahan is forwarding measures that would engage the United States in important treaties recognizing the dangers global warming now poses. It’s time to acknowledge global warming is real and take important steps to stem the tide.

## BUILDING AN ENERGY INDEPENDENT FUTURE

As part of his commitment to conserve and better protect the environment, Congressman Carnahan knows the importance of cooperative efforts in constructing energy efficient, “green friendly” buildings. That’s why he is bringing builders and researchers together to improve planning and development for environmental construction here at home.

For more detailed information on Congressman Carnahan’s efforts for energy independence, visit [www.house.gov/carnahan](http://www.house.gov/carnahan).

## CONGRESSMAN CARNAHAN’S ENERGY SAVING TIPS:

- Make sure your home is properly insulated;
- Install a programmable thermostat;
- Replace existing light bulbs with Energy Star qualified fluorescent lights;
- Unplug appliances when not in use;
- Use appliances efficiently by running the dishwasher only when necessary and full, setting proper washing machine levels, and keeping dryers free of lint;
- Don’t forget to use timers or turn out lights when leaving the room;
- Set your computer to sleep or hibernate to limit energy use.

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# DECLARE YOUR ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

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